

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

On behalf of DESE Division of Career Education, we want to introduce you to or remind you about a monthly newsletter, the Missouri Career Education *News Bulletin*. The April issue includes information about April Financial Literacy Month, Perkins IV, and a number of new Missouri initiatives and publications, including PLTW Biomedical Sciences pilot, Community Education Training Center and upcoming workshops, release of Missouri adult literacy report, Missouri counselor study, and fact sheet, and recent honors in career education. It is brief, yet includes information of broad interest. The April *News Bulletin* can be viewed at

http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/News/CE_News_Bulletin_040107.pdf

STATE-WIDE GUIDANCE STUDY AVAILABLE

The study to investigate the impact of comprehensive guidance programs on student achievement conducted by the Guidance and Placement section of the Division of Career Education, in collaboration with the Missouri School Counselor Association and the University of Missouri-Columbia is now available. A limited number of printed copies are available and may be requested by contacting John Robbins by phone at 573-522-1488 or by e-mail at john.robbins@dese.mo.gov.

The study is also available for viewing or download on the Guidance and Placement Section website at

http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/guidance_placement_research.htm

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, information brought to our attention through various sources that could be used to help in implementation of a comprehensive guidance program will be listed. Readers are encouraged to investigate the information and decide if it is appropriate for their programs. Listing of this information does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

CURRICULUM

FOR NEXT YEAR--If you are beginning to plan for next year's curriculum presentations, we would like to remind you of two sources of lessons developed by Missouri counselors. SuccessLink has lessons that can be found through using their great ideas search engine which is at: http://www.successlink.org/gti/search/start_search.asp

In addition, sample lessons are posted on the Missouri Center for Career Education website along with the most recent Comprehensive Guidance Manual and the Standards and GLE's. Those can be accessed at

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/lessons/index.php>

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

IF APPROPRIATE, PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES CHAIRPERSONS IN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL:

If anyone at your school is teaching environmental sciences or environmental studies (ES/S), please share this notice with them. Students enrolled in these ES/S courses are prime candidates for an Environmental Career Fair (ECF) being held in Jefferson City on Friday April 20th as part of the Earth Day celebration sponsored annually by the Department of Natural Resources.

The ECF will be "open" from about noon until 6pm to accommodate students after school and/or from out-of-town. It will be held on the second floor atrium of the Harry S. Truman State Office Building, at High St. and Broadway, across from the Capitol Grounds.

Representatives from several DNR programs and other employers will describe the kinds of employees they are seeking, and staff from several colleges and universities will be there to inform students about getting the right degree(s) for an environmental career. Call Jim Lubbers at 800-361-4827 or e-mail him at: jim.lubbers@dnr.mo.gov for more information!

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SITE AVAILABLE: Girl Scouts have developed a Site you can share with Girls interested in Science, Technology and Math

Math, science and technology play an important part in everyone's life. It is all around us! During a girl's lifetime she will have to depend more and more on her understanding of these subjects, but she'll be surprised how much fun she can have, and is already having, with math, science, and technology. To see more, go to

<http://www.girlsgotech.org/>

FROM KUDER: A review of interest by gender from those using the Kuder career planning and education system indicates that, to date, the top 5 career clusters in which interest has been shown are:

Female

- 1) Human Services
- 2) Business Management and Technology
- 3) Arts and Communication
- 4) Health Services
- 5) Natural Resources

Male

- 1) Industrial and Engineering Technology
- 2) Business Management and Technology
- 3) Natural Resources
- 4) Health Services
- 5) Arts and Communication

NEW TOOL AVAILABLE TO HELP FAMILIES WITH PLANNING:

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings has unveiled a new online tool to help students and families financially prepare and plan for college before a student's senior year of high school. The FAFSA4Caster provides students with an early estimate of their eligibility for federal financial aid. It became available April 1. To get more information or to use this new tool, go to <http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/> and click on the appropriate link.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

A REMINDER ON A GOOD RESOURCE TO UTILIZE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION:

Missouri has seven agencies that serve as Regional Resource Centers to provide suicide prevention services across the state. The Resource Centers engage community partners to develop and implement local strategies, provide public education and training, offer support for survivors, and promote proven practices to help with preventing suicide within their designated service areas. To obtain more information about these centers, go to: <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm>

NEW CYBERBULLYING RESEARCH SHOWS 43 PERCENT OF TEENS VICTIMIZED, BUT ONLY 10% TELL THEIR PARENTS

Earlier this month, study results from a study commissioned by the National Crime Prevention Council and conducted by Harris Interactive were released.

Cyberbullying was defined as the use of the Internet, cell phones, or other technology to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person. Cyberbullying has been documented to cause serious consequences such as teen suicide, school violence, and depression, which led the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), U.S. Department of Justice, Crime Prevention Coalition of America, and The Advertising Council to launch a new cyberbullying prevention public education campaign. Additionally, a volunteer advertising agency, Saatchi & Saatchi, created viral videos, radio ads, and web banners to help teens 11 to 13 years old understand the important role they play in stopping cyberbullying. The goal of these ads is to stop cyberbullying before it starts.

NCPC has also created a brochure for parents to educate them on cyberbullying, which is available at: www.ncpc.org. An executive summary of the research or full report may be found at: <http://www.ncpc.org/media>.

For further information, contact Michelle Boykins at 202-261-4184 or mboykins@ncpc.org.

An additional contact is Leslie Capstick at 202-261-4138 or lcapstick@ncpc.org.

GENERAL PARENT RESOURCES FOR ANTIDRUG

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign has developed materials and information for parents to consult if they are concerned about their children and drugs. The section link noted below houses FREE information for parents and key influencers. To see this information, go to: <http://www.theantidrug.com/news/resourcelist.aspx?id=3>

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SYSTEM SUPPORT

SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH PARENTS: STUDENTS AND FAMILIES CAN GET ADVICE DURING LIVE CHAT

Mapping Your Future (MYF) will host a live chat event on **April 10, 2007** at 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central, 5 p.m. Mountain, and 4 p.m. Pacific. The event is interactive, allowing students and families to ask questions about careers, college, financial aid, and money management — all from the privacy and convenience of a computer.

Anyone with Internet access can join in the chat event by visiting mapping-your-future.org on the World Wide Web. At the time of the chat, visitors should follow the link to the chat at top of the page.

MYF will host an additional chat event on July 17, 2007. Once again, visitors will be able to ask career, college, financial aid, and money management questions.

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service project of the financial aid industry - bringing together the expertise of the industry to provide free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held May 16-18, 2007 at Tan Tar A. This conference, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, gives attendees the opportunity to learn more about mental health issues that confront Missourians of all ages. For more information about this, go to <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

B. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE WILL be June 23-26, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. For more information, go to: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=325&sl=129&contentid=182>

C. MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC) CONFERENCE will be July 11-13, 2007 with a pre-conference July 10-11 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City. For more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.militarychild.org/KansasCity.asp>

D. ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held July 19-20, 2007, in St. Louis. Information is available at <http://www.characterplus.org/>

E. 2007 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS WILL be held July 23-July 26, 2007 in Springfield. Watch for further information.

F. THE MSCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE is scheduled for **September 7-9, 2007**. Watch here for further details.

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